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INCLUSION OF INDIA` S HISTORICALLY AND CULTURALLY IMPORTANT SITES IN LIST OF ENDANGERED SITES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether some Indian sites of historical and cultural importance have been included in the 'list of 100 most endangered sites 2006' of the World Monuments Fund (WMF);

(b)if so, the details of those sites;

(c)whether any conservation plan has been drawn for these sites; and

(d)if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE(SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (d)A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 77 FOR 28.7.2005 REGARDING INCLUSION OF INDIA'S HISTORICALLY AND CULTURALLY IMPORTANT SITES IN LIST OF ENDANGERED SITES

(a) & (b)Yes, Sir. The World Monument Fund, a US based non-profit international organization, has listed following four sites from India in the 100 Most Endangered Sites in the world for 2006 in their "World Monument Watch".

(i) Sumda Monastery and Guru Lakhang, Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir.

(ii) Watson Hotel, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

(iii) Dhankar Monastery, Spiti, Himachal Pradesh and

(iv) Dalhousie Square, Kolkata, West Bengal.
None of these are centrally protected monuments/sites.

(c) & (d)World Monuments Fund Co-ordinator in India has informed that a conservation plan has been formulated for Watson Hotel, Mumbai and that no such plan is available for remaining three sites.